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REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

USABLE SPLICE FOR A STABILIZED ABSORBENT AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SPLICE

the specification of which:

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on December 31, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/039,238.

☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_, if any.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a) - (d) or §365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT application which designates at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### Priority Claimed

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#### Priority Not Claimed

ANY FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), ON THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER WHICH HAS A FILING DATE EARLIER THAN THE EARLIEST APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED

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### CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. APPLICATION(S)  
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(complete this part only if this is a divisional,  
continuation or CIP application)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other

Execution Date: February 28, 2002

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We Mark J. Beitz of Appleton, Wisconsin, Alissa R. Brüss of Appleton, Wisconsin, and Robert J. Makolin of Neenah, Wisconsin, have invented an improvement in USABLE SPLICE FOR A STABILIZED ABSORBENT AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SPLICE (File KCC 4809; K.C. No. 16,733) and have executed an application for a United States patent based thereon Serial No. 10/039,238, filed December 31, 2001;

AND, WHEREAS, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. of Neenah, Wisconsin, a corporation of the State of Delaware (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or



may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

**TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED** by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

**AND We** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and our respective legal representatives that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in said invention had not been

otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

Mark J. Beitz  
Mark J. Beitz

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Wisconsin )  
COUNTY OF Winnebago )

On this 28 day of February, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Mark J. Beitz to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Kathy A. Chambers  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

Alissa R. Bruss  
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On this 28 day of February, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Alissa R. Bruss to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

Kathy A. Chambers  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

Robert J. Makolin  
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On this 28 day of February, 2002, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Robert J. Makolin to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

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